

## July 2011 Nerja Donkey Newsletter

### Baby David's first birthday

Summertime always brings out the best in our donkeys. They love sunbathing and they love meeting new visitors.

This time last year was a special moment for us as we celebrated the sixth anniversary of the sanctuary with a first; a baby donkey born in the sanctuary.



Baby David was born on the fourth of July and is now just one year old. David has grown up so fast. He can now look after himself so he is allowed to roam free with the other younger donkeys.

David will be celebrating his first birthday in style with a carrot cake. Like all our donkeys David loves carrots so why not grab a bag and come and visit.

David has clearly been picking up bad habits from another of our trouble making donkeys Branston.

David and Branston can regularly be found tipping over their feeding troughs and spilling the food all over the floor.



They then eat the hay off the floor instead! We should be grateful as there are far worse tricks he could be learning, the donkeys are a mischievous bunch.

Let's hope he doesn't start learning from Feliz who is our resident escapologist.

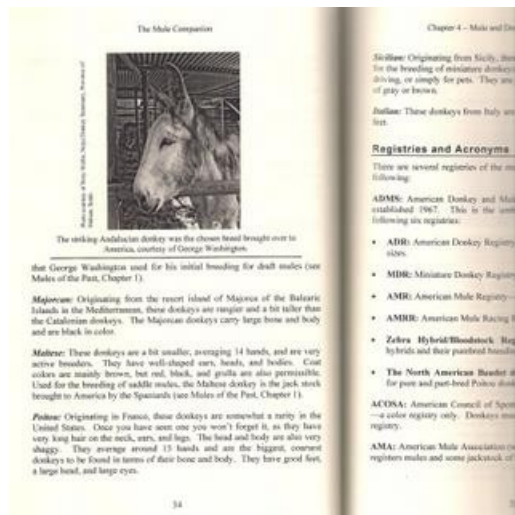
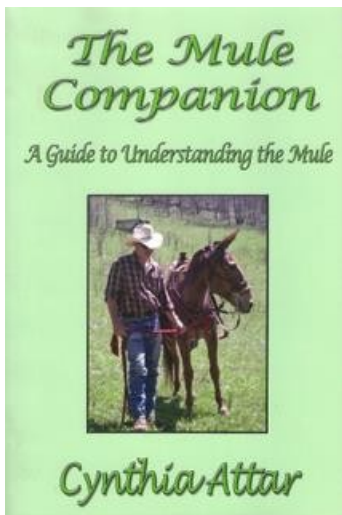
Donkey's lips are prehensile like our thumbs they can use them to grasp things. Feliz can open bolted gates using his lips, we have had to chain the gates as a result of Feliz's previously hidden talent.

If we could pick a donkey for David to learn from it would have to be **Connan** our gentle giant. Connan is a rare giant Andalucian donkey who has been with us since the sanctuary first opened seven years ago. He is as polite as a donkey can be and never causes mischief.

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Connan's as big a donkey as you're ever likely to see and he's a hit with visitors. Connan is also famous worldwide after appearing in a number of books.



[Adopt a donkey](#)

Nearly all of the donkeys in the sanctuary are available for adoption, don't worry you don't have to take the donkey home with you, you get a certificate for your donkey and regular updates about how the sanctuary and your adopted friend are coming along.

As David is now one year old and more able to be away from his mother Chica we thought it would be appropriate to let people adopt them separately now. You can [adopt David](#) for a year for just 25 euros online. Adopting a donkey is the best way to support us and help our charity continue to grow.

Last month saw hundreds of school kids visiting to learn about our donkeys and animal welfare.

It was hard work but we believe education is extremely important in securing a better future for all animals. We have reached the summer break for our disabled riding, our second field can now be used purely as an exercise area until we resume riding in September.



The kids enjoy the sanctuary while our hard-working volunteers look on.

The sanctuary runs entirely on donations, with your support we are able to rescue, care for and re-home equines, we also run our education and disabled riding programs all without help from the Government so please come and visit and help us continue.

**Summer visitor hours.**

Now you can spend even longer with the donkeys. For July and August we are open every day from 10am until 2pm and 5pm to 8pm.

We close to visitors during the hottest part of the day to give the donkeys time to have their siesta and to make sure our hard working volunteers get a break from the sun. We will also have our 'air-conditioning' up and running so when you're bored of the beach and too hot in the town come stand under our air-con and feed the donkeys some carrots.

**Thanks**

To our volunteers who did such a great job in difficult circumstances. Hannah, Anne, Tomas, Denise, Karina. To everyone who donated towards finishing Bolera's pen and the new sun shades and last but not least to all our friends in Wales for their generous donations.

## Visiting

We're open every day and admission is free. Our visitor hours are 10am to 2pm and 5-6pm (5-8pm July and August). Great fun for kids and adults. Find us on the map: We're on the western edge of town a few minutes walk from the Supersol supermarket next to the Rio Chillar river. If you're getting a taxi ask for the "Nerja Burros". You can bring carrots and feed the donkeys by hand.



**Finishing off Bolera's pen. Thanks to your donations all the metal fences have been removed and replaced with beautiful wooden fencing.**

## The important money bit

Donations via direct bank transfer are the quickest and best way to donate money to the donkeys and also incurs the least charges.

Our charity bank details are:-

**Banco Popular Nerja No:** 0075-1458-25 060-00108-86

**IBAN** ES3700751458250600010886 BIC POPUESMM

## More info?

You can find out more about us, adopt a donkey or donate by card or PayPal at [www.nerjadonkeysanctuary.com](http://www.nerjadonkeysanctuary.com)

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Information about volunteering, school visits or opening hours call (+34) 664 558 133.

Rescues call Harriet on 618 46 7575. Fund raising or helping at the car boot stall call Irene on 690 047 350.

You can donate in Sterling or Euros with cheques payable to Nerja Donkey Sanctuary.

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